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BIOCHEMICAL DEVICES AND THEIR METHODS OF MANUFACTURE

REQUEST FOR RE-ISSUANCE OF OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Request hereby is made for re-issuance of the Office Action dated July 30, 2001 and resetting of the response period.

The Office Action examined the claims as they appeared in the original PCT application. However, the claims that should have been examined are the claims appended to the International Preliminary Examination Report and as amended by the Preliminary Amendment filed on October 17, 2000. A copy of the International Examination Report and the Annex were timely submitted and the Annex should have been entered. Accordingly, an action on the claims included in the Annex is requested.

Request also is made for issuance of a filing receipt. No filing receipt has been received by the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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